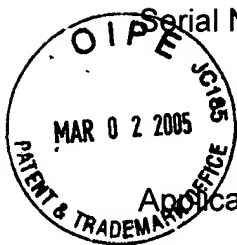


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PATENT APPLICATION

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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER
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Dear Examiner Cole:

This is in reply to a non-final Office Action mailed on October 25, 2004. The shortened three-month statutory period for response to the Office Action expired on January 25, 2005. With the granting of the requested petition for two-month extension of time, a response is due on March 25, 2005. Accordingly, Applicants believe that this response is timely filed.

Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time for responding to the outstanding Office Action. The Commissioner is hereby authorized, under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, to charge the fee for two-month extension of time in the small entity amount of \$225.00 (Fee Code 1252/2252) to Deposit Account No. 50-2350. Applicants do not believe that any additional fees are due for this filing. However, should any fee(s) be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized, under 37 CFR §§ 1.16-1.17, to charge any fee(s) that may be due to Deposit Account No. 50-2350. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong

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amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 50-2350. Duplicates of pages 1, 2, and the signature page are enclosed for such purpose.

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